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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to the Commissioner requesting that the Notice of Abandonment (copy enclosed herewith) issued for the above-identified patent application on November 22, 2002 be vacated.

The Notice of Abandonment indicates that no reply was received to the Notice to File Missing Requirements mailed on July 26, 2001. Applicants filed a Response to Notice to File Missing Requirements on September 26, 2001 (copy enclosed herewith). The returned postcard indicates that the Response was stamped and dated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office September 26, 2001 (copy enclosed herewith). Also enclosed is a copy of the Express Mail Receipt indicating the deposit of the Response with the Postal Service on September 26, 2001.

Applicants believe no fee is due, however, if a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-0772.

Respectfully submitted,

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